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SUBJECT: LABOR POTPOURRI

1. PUBLIC AND MEDIA INTEREST IN THE PLANT ELECTIONS IS  
WANING AS THEY DRAG INTO THEIR THIRD MONTH. THEY WILL  
PROBABLY CONTINUE AT LEAST THROUGH APRIL, FROM ALL  
INDICATIONS. THE "OFFICIAL" MINISTRY OF LABOR FIGURES  
(WHICH LEAVE MUCH TO BE DESIRED IN TERMS OF ACCURACY)  
INDICATE THAT CLOSE TO THREE MILLION WORKERS (OR ABOUT  
50 PERCENT OF THOSE NOMINALLY ELIGIBLE TO VOTE) HAVE SO  
FAR CAST THEIR BALLOTS IN THESE "PARTIAL" ELECTIONS.  
THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CC.OO. STILL HEADS THE FIELD  
WITH 35.6 PERCENT, FOLLOWED BY THE SOCIALIST UGT (22.4  
PERCENT), "AFFILIATION UNKNOWN" CATEGORY (18.2 PERCENT),  
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AND INDEPENDENTS (11.5 PERCENT). BY PROVINCES, THE  
THE CC.OO. LEADS THE UGT 28 TO 22, AND IS AHEAD IN ALL  
THE LARGEST INDUSTRIAL SECTORS EXCEPT THE BASQUE REGION.  
THE LATEST EFE NEWS AGENCY FIGURES (PUBLISHED MARCH 22),  
AS USUAL SHOW A SMALLER GAP BETWEEN THE TWO TOP CONTENDERS:  
CC.OO. 38.8 PERCENT, UGT 30.4, INDEPENDENTS 12.3, USO 6,  
THE MAOIST CSUT AND SU 3.9 AND 2.6 RESPECTIVELY, PLUS

NUMEROUS INSIGNIFICANT SPLINTER GROUPS. RESULTS FROM THE FIRST LARGE ELECTION IN THE WHITE COLLAR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SECTOR (REPRESENTING 70 PERCENT OF THE SOME 160,000 SOCIAL SECURITY WORKERS) GAVE THE INDEPENDENTS FIRST PLACE WITH 50.9 PERCENT, FOLLOWED BY CC.OO. 14.8, UGT 11, AND THE FREE UNION OF DOCTORS 7.8.

2. ETUC-SPONSORED APRIL 5 "WORKERS ACTION DAY". DURING HIS MARCH 17 MADRID PRESS CONFERENCE (MADRID 02795), ETUC GENERAL SECRETARY MATHIAS HINTERSCHIED NOTED THAT THE EUROPEAN DAY OF PROTEST AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT WOULD BE OBSERVED IN 28 COUNTRIES, THE TYPE OF ACTIONS TO BE DECIDED IN EACH CASE BY THE ETUC AFFILIATES INVOLVED. IN SPAIN, THE UGT AND CC.OO. HAVE CALLED FOR "A NATION-WIDE GENERAL STRIKE OF ONE HOUR". THE SMALL INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST USO HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL SUPPORT THE EFFORT, AND IN AN OBVIOUS "UNITY OF ACTION" MANEUVER HAS SUGGESTED THAT SPANISH LABOR MAKE THIS A "JOINT UNDERTAKING". THE BASQUE STV TOLD LABATT MARCH 22 THAT WHILE IT WILL SUPPORT "SYMBOLIC ONE-HOUR STOPPAGES" IN ITS REGION, ACUTE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN MANY BASQUE PLANTS WILL DICTATE BUSINESS AS USUAL. THE STV REJECTS ANY IDEA OF "UNITY OF ACTION" WITH RESPECT TO THE APRIL 5 DEMONSTRATIONS.

3. UGT MEMBERSHIP. UGT SEC GEN NICOLAS REDONDO, DURING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MARCH 17 DEDICATION CEREMONIES FOR THE NEW UGT BILBAO HEADQUARTERS, ANNOUNCED THAT THE UGT NOW HAS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN ITS HISTORY: TWO MILLION (COMPARED TO 1.9 MILLION IN 1936). (COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS FIGURE IS EXAGGERATED, AND CERTAINLY ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE -- PERHAPS 20 -- WOULD BE DUES-PAYING.) HEDGING SOMEWHAT WITH RESPECT TO EARLIER UGT CLAIMS OF VICTORY IN THE CURRENT PLANT ELECTIONS, REDONDO CHARACTERIZED THE RESULTS SO FAR AS A SUCCESS -- EVEN THOUGH LACK OF ACCURATE STATISTICS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO PINPOINT THE EXACT POSITION OCCUPIED BY THE UGT. "WHETHER WE ARE AHEAD OF OR BEHIND THE CC.OO., THESE TWO UNIONS TODAY CONSTITUTE THE AXIS OF SPANISH TRADE UNIONISM", HE DECLARED. STABLER

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